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MARRIAGE.

On the 2nd Aug., at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, by the Rev. Ireland Blackmore, Rector of Wappingham, Cheshire, and the Rev. Dr. W. H. Edwards, of St. Paul's, Royal Grammar School, youngest son of the late Sir Edmund Astreton, Bart., to EMILY widow of the late W. H. L. Hope Edwards, of Nelsley, Salop, and daughter of Col. I. Ireland, Blackmore, Hale Hall, Lancashire.

THE British Service

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1878.

The detailed account which have been received from home with respect to the proposed railway for the Emperor of China, do not place the matter in any more favourable light than that in which it appeared according to the short telegraphic summary received some time ago. The movement seems to have been the result of a species of enthusiasm, and it cannot but be feared that, should the scheme ever be carried out, the sanguine expectations formed will be destined to disappointment. No doubt, we are in duty bound to give to the Dore & Sutherland and his adherents full credit for having been actuated with all events no desire to do anything that was not strictly political. The gift railway is to be a wedge, present, and we must believe that it is meant to be one of a pleasing character. But, the promoters of the movement had taxed their ingenuity for the express purpose of biting upon the most unacceptable of all presents, they could not have suggested better. The only thing to which the delicacy of the present can be compared, is, perhaps, the idea of presenting a lady who, after being married for a quarter of a century, had not had the good fortune to add to the population of the world, with a cradle. China, according to the ideas of all her statesmen, is not at the present time in a fit condition for the introduction of railway traffic. Of the advantages of it they are, perhaps, aware, but they find difficulties in the way, which they conceive to be insurmountable. They may, of course, be right, or they may be wrong in their ideas; but, at all events they are firmly convinced of their correctness, and it cannot but be a matter of regret to them that they are at the present moment unable to avail themselves of appliances which are of such value in foreign countries. It must be, therefore, extremely consolatory to the Emperor to be presented with a model railway, as suggestive to him of the weakness of his own Empire, and the strength of foreign nations. This is just as it should be, and will give him an excellent idea of the delicacy of foreigners.

The only conceivable explanation of the scheme is, that it is actually meant as a piece of "cavil." Most assuredly this is the most good natured view which the Chinese can be expected to take of it, and it would not be at all surprising if they pay back the compliment in kind, and we may be certain that they will not show themselves much wanting in ability in this direction. If it is not too late, it may be hoped that the unanimous condemnation which this scheme has received by the Press in China, will open the eyes of the very extraordinary railway-companies to the mistaken nature of their well-intentioned present. The only possible meaning which the Chinese can attach to the action, is that it is a quiet way of saying to the Emperor: "Now, look here, you ignorant Celestial Peacock, you are really very foolish not to adopt the customs of our wonderful country."

It would not be very surprising if, after the whole affair has been arranged, it should be raised as to laying the line down. The Chinese above all people are sensible to the necessity of guarding against small begin-

nings in changes, and they can hardly fail to conceive the idea that this unexpected present is meant to introduce the thin end of the wedge as to the railway question, and to start a line in a way which would not be permitted, were a more ordinary course reported to. If such is the fact, they will not find it difficult to bring all the arguments which have been so constantly advanced by them against the introduction of railways into China, to bear upon the unfortunate gift railway, and the likelihood, therefore, is that it will be kept packed up until the railway question generally has been settled.

We notice from the papers to hand by the present month, that one of the Japanese students has taken honour at the London University.

CHROMO-LITHOGRAPH

OF THE
SHRIMP "SHANGHAI".

The steamer Shanghai, which arrived here yesterday, the 15th instant, is owned by Mr. Alfred Holt, of Liverpool, and is to run between Shanghai and Hankow, a distance of 700 miles, in connection with his line of Ocean steamers. Her appearance and proportions are much similar to the Canton steamers Kiang and Kiang. Her engine, built in England, is 1,217 horse-power, and she is 190 feet, on top of which is the deck-house, forecastle. She is "sleigh" built, constructed of iron, and schooner rigged.

The twin deck is fitted up especially for the carrying of passengers, both in the fore part of the ship, and also in a

cabin, built in the third of the hold. A large table occupies the whole length, and chairs, upholstered in American leather, are placed around. On the whole, the room is a very fine one, having card tables, pantry arrangements, and other necessities of a complete character. There are a couple of state rooms, which are fitted up in a style to model of this adopted by the Chinese.

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They are increased with time, and, if we are not deceived, they will be by and by, even more numerous.

Should we then require a very large army to take Tongquin? I don't think so. We have under our command thousands of natives, admirably drilled to make a party-war—the only possible in this expedition. We are ready to do our duty, and, if necessary, to defend our countrymen for the sake of their wives and children.

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Extracts.

RONDEL.

J. R. BARRYWOOD.
O foolish heart, thy joy may chance to grieve
The brightest day will darken, being brief'd
The fairest flower, unfolding leaf by leaf,
Must, in full blossom, with her petals part,
O to lish heart!

O chequed heart, the clouds will veil the sky
When winter advances the winter draweth nigh,
And soon, in gloom, will gloomy light depart
The song of winter, with the weary sigh—
The throb of anguish with thy pulses start
O aches heart!

O happy heart, content with passing joy,
Charming heart, the strain the nibbled birds
employ,
Where number sunbeams through the bran-
ches dart,
Thy brimming chalice is without alloy,
Without the bitterness the yearn impart,
O happy heart!

LITERARY ATTRACTION.

CATCHING AN OCTOPUS.

One of the Crooks hooked a large Octopus, or cuttle (their Creole name), *Octopus vulgaris*. No sooner was it on the hook than it darted its long tentacles up the pole, and wound one of its shiny fenders, with its double row of cup-like suckers, round his arm. The knife was instantly applied, and the limb severed from the body of the fish; but even then it was with difficulty that it could be detached, the suckers possess such remarkable tenacity. After many a struggle, a sense of numbness remained a good while in the arm. The brute was, however, dislodged from his hold, and proved to be a large one, measuring ten feet from tip to tip of the tentacles. I had often seen this animal on the spits, but had always given it but little notice, and without alarm. Every body is known to have a fear of the dangerous-looking animal, and without which these feelings, but because such things have fallen to the fate of the many they are overwhelmed by inferior creatures when casting about for materials for new stories. But we live again in scenes which are depicted with a fidelity such as we find in "Old London," and perhaps some of us do not know how we can live and sympathise so well till we have read books written by master hands. It is part of their great value sometimes to rouse a sluggish nature into the activity of feeling, and if a novelist were called upon for his reason d'être he could scarcely do better one than this—*Blueberry Review*.

VIOLETS AND BRILLIANTS.

Over another couch hung a small sketch in water-colours, which much attracted my attention, and when I asked the subject of it, Prince Louis smiled. "A little reminiscence of my youth," he said, "painted by the artistic hand of Madame Cochet, who was then my governess. The lady in the long train, and with brilliants in her hair—that is my dear mother, and that little fellow in front of her, to whom she is bending down—that is myself. It was in the days of prosperity and splendour, as you see by the *öréve* of ladies and gentlemen behind. At that time, madame, we lived in Paris, when I was not an honorary burgher of Thurgau, but the nephew of the Emperor Napoleon." He sighed; but soon banishing his melancholy sadness, he resumed his genial manner. "I will tell you the story of this little picture, and why it was drawn," he continued. "There was a ball at the Tuilleries given by the Emperor, and my mother had dressed magnificently for it, and when she came into our room my brother and I gazed at her with great admiration. She appeared to us like some fairy out of the tales with which Madame Cochet used to entertain us when we had done our lessons well. The Queen performed our musical pleasures; and I found my beautiful tonight, my dear children; but you admire my brilliants, my jewels; but to me this little bunch of violets in my belt seems more beautiful than all the diamonds and pearls I possess." She detached the little bouquet and held it out to us. They were my favourite flowers, and I reached out my hand to them. "With thou—have them, Louis," said my mother; "or wouldst thou prefer one of these diamonds?" "Keep the diamonds, and give me the violets," said I. My mother smiled. "Right, Louis," she said; "the diamonds have no scent, and give no joy to the heart. Keep thy love for the violets, they bloom every spring, and make me happy even when one has no jewels." "But thou will always have jewels, where mamma Queen," said my brother; "and when one has them, one can always buy plenty of violets." My mother answered sadly: "Who knows, my son, whether we shall always be rich, and looked up to us as we are now? I wonder what you two would do if all our splendour and wealth were taken away?"

MONETY AND MATRIMONY.

Money is gradually buying up every heart and feelings. I believe the time will come when it will be the fashion to serve up five dazzling pieces, instead of biscuits, with a glass of sherry. "I don't see, after all," said Mrs. Stanley, "that violent love matches are always such a great success. You remember how smitten poor Jon Leydy was for twelve months. He ran away with the girl afterwards, and I'm sure I never saw two people so sick of each other as they are now. I'm positive, they hate one another." "Most cordially, I'll allow, Jane." "At first, Mrs. Stanley went on, "people said how charming they were, and how nicely matched, and all that; so thoroughly suited to each other, and what not; in fact, it was six or seven and half-a-dozen of the other, till—"

"Till it was discovered to be six and seven— that's the next stage, which is very difficult, though it sounds nearly the same," continued my lady. "He discovered that he didn't want a needle, and she began to find out that she had just got what she didn't want to get. But you know, Jane, an exception merely proves a rule, they say; and even if it doesn't prove it to a woman's satisfaction, it is no reason, because our house is burned down, that we are to give up fires. A moneyless match may be a foolish match, and may still be very happy; a loveless match is a fatal thing, and can never be happy in the sense in which anyone who has been in love understands the word."

"I would have no one to dear to me as Elanche," pursued my lady, with the same strange calm in her tone, "put through such a lifelong ordeal as mine. Few could bear it as I have borne it, and come out of it as I came out of it—if I am out of it even yet—scatheless in the opinion of the world."

The nearest thing to the Divine in this world, Jane, is the pure, strong, fervent love of two pure and upright young souls. To go against it, or to thwart it, is to fly in the face of God. Mothers make "good matches" (as they are called) for us—or we make them for ourselves. In ninety-nine cases out of every hundred what are they? I'll tell you! Everybody knows, but nobody likes to acknowledge it. Men, longing to cohabit. These things can only end, as rules, in one way; and the whisperings of society, and the columns of daily papers, tell us how: "Of course there are individual cases where one wins a victory over one's self; but the chances are those of a forlorn hope, leaving its maimed and wounded; and the victory is scarcely worth winning, when a woman discovers that she has merely obtained the world's sanction, and the sanction of the Church to her being kept."

The rebels was so cutting and outspoken—so broad, in fact—that it took Mrs. Stanley's breath away. From "Cuthbert Pelley," by Ignotus.

NOTICE.

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HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

M. 1868 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

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DUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

M. 1861 Hongkong, 7th June, 1872.

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HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

M. 1868 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

NOTICE.

SPORT IN THE WEST.

Slowly raising my gun as the first kind touches the water, I look along the barrels, and keep perfectly motionless. Presently three swallows meet close together, and another is in a blue haze, half way to the "Sands," goes my trusty old right hand, and, after a moment, immediately raising my eyes and eight feathers, another as it rises "bang" goes the last.

Instantly plunging into the freezing water,

Lo! proceeded to retrieve the dead birds,

and by the time I had again loaded three were lying at my feet by the side of the swimming dog. And, as quickly as I could load, I knock over the duck, sometimes firing into a dozen just pitched on the water, and then and then riding off single birds as they circle. How I did long for a broadsword!

That, instead of taking two or three minutes to load as I used to do with my unskillful gun, I had only to have been as many seconds. Lo! was I fully employed, and a long before I left off the dog was a complete mass of ticks. After having waited a little over half an hour, the duck gradually ceases swimming, excepting just one or two now and then, so I thought quite time to be getting back to camp. On collecting the game, I found three couple and a half of pittas, two and a half of juncos, two black flocks of ducks, and one canvas-back. These, with the five I had shot on my way up, made a tolerably good load to carry. I stowed eight in my pockets and slung the remaining dozen in my gun, and trudged towards the camp, thinking that a tremendous shout I should have been the last, as having given up the frosty night, and having given up most outragous appetite, I was in the best of spirits, excepting just one or two now and then, so I thought quite time to be getting back to camp. On collecting the game, I found three couple and a half of pittas,

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